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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF SEC GEN WALDHEIM'S STATEMENT OF
SEPT 27:

QUOTE:

TEXT OF STATEMENT BY SECRETARY-GENERAL ON SOUTHERN RHODESIA

I HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING CLOSELY THE EFFORTS CURRENTLY UNDER-
WAY TO END THE ILLEGAL REGIME IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA (ZIMBABWE)
AND ESTABLISH CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT UNDER MAJORITY RULE.

I HAVE NOTED WITH INTEREST THE REPORTS IN REGARD TO THE
POSSIBILITY OF A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT OF THE PROBLEM
NOW THAT CIRCUMSTANCES ARE COMPELLING THE ILLEGAL REGIME
TO FACE REALITIES AND TO ACCEPT THE FACT THAT MAJORITY
RULE CANNOT BE FURTHER DELAYED.

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THE POSITION OF THE UNITED NATIONS HAS ALWAYS BEEN VERY

CLEAR. ITS OBJECTIVES ARE TO ENSURE WITH ALL POSSIBLE SPEED THE ENDING OF THE ILLEGAL REGIME, THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF CONSTITUTIONAL RULE, AND THE CONVENING OF A CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE TO CREATE THE NECESSARY DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES AND INSTITUTIONS WHICH WOULD ALLOW THE PEOPLE OF SOUTHERN RHODESIA TO EXERCISE, FULLY AND FREELY, THEIR RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE AND GUARANTEE MAJORITY RULE. IN THIS REGARD THE UNITED NATIONS HAS ALWAYS EMPHASIZED THE SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AS THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY FOR THE TERRITORY.

IT IS MY HOPE THAT A WAY WILL BE FOUND FOR ACHIEVING A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES AND PURPOSES OF THE CHARTER. THE UNITED NATIONS, OF COURSE WILL CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS TO SUPPORT THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE OF SOUTHERN RHODESIA UNTIL INDEPENDENCE IS ATTAINED.

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